



House Resolution to Establish a Select Committee on Older Americans

Background: The COVID-19 pandemic, soaring inflation, and record-breaking energy prices present significant challenges that disproportionately impact older Americans. Despite seniors receiving the largest Social Security cost-of-living increase in years, significantly higher prices at grocery stores and at the pump have wiped away any gains our seniors may have made. There were 51.4 million older Americans in 2019 making up 16% of the total population, and with the baby boomer generation reaching retirement age, that number is only on the rise. The federal government needs to take action to provide relief from harmful economic, health, housing, and other trends.

Summary of Resolution:

- The House Resolution establishes a temporary, bipartisan Select Committee on Older Americans made up of six members from each party to serve as a forum for inquiry into the unique economic, health, housing, and social issues facing older Americans. The Select Committee is charged with specifically looking into the challenges facing older Americans arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Further, the Select Committee will conduct hearings, collaborate with Congressional committees, and entities of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government to raise awareness and promote initiatives and recommendations to the U.S. House of Representatives.
- The Select Committee will produce interim reports every 120 days starting after the appointment of its members. Finally, the Select Committee will submit a final report to the House no later than 2 years after the appointment of its members, detailing the findings, policies, and recommendations. The Select Committee will be terminated on the day the final report is submitted.